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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH KUWAITI AMB ON LEBANON AND
MIDDLE EAST

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB LEONARD JUNE 20 KUWAITI
AMB BISHARA EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SITUATION IN SOUTH
LEBANON. LEONARD AGREED IT HAD BEEN VERY BAD BUT SAID
IT APPEARED TO HAVE IMPROVED IN THE LAST TWO DAYS. HE
POINTED OUT THAT WE AND OTHERS HAD APPROACHED THE
ISRAELIS ABOUT CONTROLLING THE CHRISTIAN MILITIA. HE
NOTED THE TROUBLE HAD COME FROM GROUPS THAT HADDAD HAD NOT
BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL. HADDAD SEEMED TO BE TRYING TO
CARRY OUT BEIRUT'S ORDERS TO RETURN TO BARRACKS.
BISHARA TERMED THE CHRISTIAN MILITIA "OUTLAWS" AND SAID
THAT ISRAEL HAD NOT REALLY WITHDRAWN FROM LEBANON WHILE
THESE GROUPS REMAINED IN CONTROL OF LARGE AREAS.

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2. BISHARA NOTED THAT SOME LEBANESE THOUGHT UNIFIL
SHOULD CONFRONT THE CHRISTIANS MILITARILY AND SAID,
"WE HAVE TOLD THE LEBANESE GOVT THAT UNIFIL SHOULD NOT
SHOOT AT ANYONE." THIS PRINCIPLE MUST BE MAINTAINED IN
LIGHT OF PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS. HE SAID HE HAD
TOLD LEBANESE AMB TUENI THAT THE GOL SHOULD SEND 1000

TROOPS TO THE SOUTH. IF THERE WAS TO BE SHOOTING, IT SHOULD BE LEBANESE AT LEBANESE. IN THIS CONNECTION BISHARA SAID THE PLO HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD NOT OBJECT TO LEBANESE ARMY FORCES IN THE SOUTH. WHEN LEONARD INDICATED THAT THE MAIN OPPOSITION SEEMED TO BE FROM LEBANESE LEFTISTS, BISHARA ASSERTED THAT THE GOL MUST ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE SOUTH AND "TAME" THESE OPPOSITION ELEMENTS. THE ARABS HAD BEEN URGING THE PLO TO BE PATIENT, BUT THEY WERE REACHING THE END OF THE LINE. LEONARD AGREED THAT THE GOL SHOULD BE URGED TO SEND FORCES SOUTH BUT POINTED OUT ALSO THE FRAGILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE NEED FOR SOME DEGREE OF CAUTION.

3. TURNING TO THE GENERAL MIDDLE EAST QUESTION, BISHARA SAID THERE WERE "STRAWS IN THE WIND" INDICATING THAT THE QUESTION MIGHT BE RAISED AGAIN AT THE UN IN LIGHT OF THE "VERY DISCOURAGING" ISRAELI ANSWERS TO THE US QUESTIONS. HE HAD NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION, HOWEVER.

4. BISHARA REFERRED TO THE RECENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARTICLE BY WALID KHALIDI ON THE PALESTINIANS AND A PALESTINIAN STATE AND CLAIMED THAT IT REFLECTED THE PLO VIEW. HE SAID KHALIDI HAS HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS IN THE PLO, ESPECIALLY FATAH, AND IS PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO ARAFAT. HE WAS SURE HIS ARTICLE HAD BEEN WRITTEN WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CONCURRENCE OF ARAFAT AND OTHERS AND URGED THAT IT BE READ IN THAT LIGHT, NOT JUST AS AN ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEBATE. HE SAID KHALIDI WAS MARRIED TO SAEB SALEM'S SISTER AND THUS ALSO SPOKE WITH SOME AUTHORITY ON MATTERS RELATED TO LEBANON AND WAS LISTENED TO BY THE LEBANESE AND PALESTINIANS. YOUNG

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